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Statewide Summary of Montana's 2003-04 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2003– June 30, 2004)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

166	Public high school districts were eligible to offer a traffic education program.
145	High school districts offered a state-approved traffic education program.
13,713	Public and private high school students were eligible to enroll in traffic education.
9,554	students completed traffic education.

WHEN OFFERED

36	districts offered the program during regular school hours .
77	districts offered the program after school hours .
98	districts offered the program in the summer .

PROGRAM FEES

47	high school districts charged a fee during the first semester ; 75 during the second semester ; and 94 during the summer . The minimum fee was \$25.00 . The maximum fee was \$340.00 . The mode fee was \$125.00 . 25 districts charged no fee .
25	plan , for the upcoming school year and summer, to increase the fee charged students.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

63	districts granted credit for successful completion of traffic education.
129	districts screened students for visual acuity.
78	districts employed a traffic and safety education coordinator and/or supervisor .
73	districts offered pedestrian safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
101	districts offered school bus rider safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
82	districts offered bicycle safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
59	districts offered traffic education for adult beginners.
140	districts provided traffic education for students with disabilities .
132	districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with motorcycles .
142	districts emphasized and required the use of seatbelts .
143	districts used Montana's current Traffic Education Curriculum Guide for its high school program.
28	districts conducted follow-up research on student performance (violations/accidents).
143	districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of alcohol/drug use in driving.
92	districts involved parents in the Traffic Education program.
114	districts participated in the Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) .
102	districts utilized computers in their program.
131	districts used OPI Web site to obtain traffic education information.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

29	full-time teachers were employed.
253	part-time teachers were employed.
\$6.00	per hour is the minimum rate paid.
\$60.00	per hour is the maximum rate paid.
\$15.00	per hour is the mode minimum rate paid.
\$15.00	per hour is the mode maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES

270	vehicles were used in the program.
10	districts obtained their vehicles on a free loan basis.
8	districts obtained their vehicles on a daily fee basis.
55	districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis.
77	districts owned their vehicles.
2	instructors owned and provided vehicles.
3	districts used other means to obtain vehicles.

ACCIDENTS

11	traffic accidents occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
0	persons were killed .
0	persons were injured .
\$8,544.60	property damage costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

\$331.98	is the average per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to \$83.73 per pupil.)
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* This information was compiled from the 2003-04 Traffic Education Program Surveys completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2003 and the school year 2003-04. If you have questions, please contact David Huff at (406) 444-4432 or e-mail at dhuff@state.mt.us.